AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES: GANDER AIRPORT, NEWFOUNDLAND

Exchange of notes at London May 21 and 23, 1947, amending agreement of February 11, 1946

Entered into force May 23, 1947

Terminated March 28, 1949, by agreement with Canada effected by exchange of notes at Ottawa March 25 and 28, 1949 ¹

61 Stat. 3092; Treaties and Other International Acts Series 1641

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

Foreign Office, S.W.1. 21st May, 1947

No. W 342/342/802.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to state that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, after consultation with the Government of Newfoundland and in accordance with the understandings arrived at in the course of the discussions leading up to the signing of the Bermuda Agreement on the 11th February, 1946, have pleasure in informing the Government of the United States of America that an airline or airlines designated by the United States of America in accordance with Article 2(i)[1] of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America signed on the 11th February, 1946, may enjoy at Gander Airport, Newfoundland, on routes 1 to 5 of Section III(b) of the Annex to that Agreement the rights set out in Section 1 of that Annex on the following understandings:—

- (a) that the grant of the rights mentioned above is subject to the observance of, and is to be governed by, the provisions of the Final Act of the Bermuda Civil Aviation Conference signed on the 11th February, 1946 and of the Agreement of the 11th February, 1946, referred to above; and
- (b) that similar rights will be granted, at a point or points to be agreed in the territory of the United States of America, to any airline designated

¹ Ante, vol. 6, p. 484, CANADA.

² TIAS 1507, ante, p. 726.

by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on behalf of the Government of Newfoundland for the operation of air services on routes operating to or through the United States of America.

- 2. I am to add that, if and when as a result of any constitutional change affecting the status of Newfoundland, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom ceases to act on behalf of Newfoundland in such matters as are referred to in this note, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom agrees for its part that the provisions of this note should no longer apply and that a new agreement in such terms as may be appropriate should be entered into between the United States of America and Newfoundland or such other State as may be empowered to act in that connexion on behalf of Newfoundland.
- 3. I have the honour to propose that if the provisions of the present note are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, the present note and Your Excellency's reply should be regarded as constituting an agreement supplemental to the Agreement of the 11th February, 1946, and should be registered as such with the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(For the Secretary of State)

GEOFFREY KIRK.

His Excellency
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The American Ambassador to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

Embassy of the United States of America

May 23, 1947

No. 308

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge Your Excellency's Note No. 342/342/802 of May 21st, 1947, relating to the Amendment supplemental to the Agreement of February 11th, 1946, governing civil air services between the United States and the United Kingdom.

I am instructed to inform you that this note is satisfactory to my Government and that this letter constitutes acceptance of the proposed Amendment. Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Lewis Douglas

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